



3rd – 5th

August 16-17, 2014

DATE

Know God's Word

LESSON TITLE

Colossians 3:23
Adventure Bible (pp. 1311-1312)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Work hard with excellence, as working for the Lord.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Think of some personal examples of how you work hard in your own life, whether at a job, school, with your family, around the house, etc. Be ready to share how you put your whole heart into working hard for God, so that kids can understand why they should too.

check-in/out

Ask kids about how they will be working hard this week, and if they remember the memory verse!

large group heads up

We'll be watching a clip from *Monster's University* about the reward of working hard. The playtime is 1:01:49-1:04:45.

Several large envelopes labeled "Secret" should be set on/around the presentation area (but not on the floor), for Connect Time groups to find after they've finished their workout.



connect time

Goal: Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.

WORK FOR THE VERSE

Split kids into small groups. **Tell them that they're going to be looking for a secret mystery envelope that has a special message inside! But first, they have to complete special instructions to find it.** You may need to move to a more open area. Tell the kids to stand up and do each task you give to them. The point is to make them work really hard!

- Do 5 jumping jacks
- Spin around 3 times
- Run to the door (or another place across the room) and back 3 times.
- Hop (until you say to stop)
- Skip around in a circle (until you say to stop)
- Any other tasks you want to make them do!

Once they're done, pick one person to go find the envelope after you give them this clue: "The secret message is in a spot where people sing and dance a lot. Not on the floor, not on a beach, but in the place where people teach!"

Secret envelopes will be on **the presentation area!** Once kids decide as a group where they think it is, the volunteer can go get a secret envelope from the area and then bring it back. **DON'T OPEN THE ENVELOPE YET**, but take it with you to the large group area (send it with a trustworthy kid).

Before you head into Large Group, ask kids about the best/worst parts of their week. Then remind them about your expectations for their behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will **(1)** understand why God wants us to work hard with all our heart, **(2)** memorize Colossians 3:23 as part of our verse memorization series and **(3)** Learn and come up with applicable way they can work hard in their own lives.

Why: Memorizing scripture is an important way for us to know God better and live our lives the way He wants us to.

Tip: We want verse memorization to be a fun, hands-on experience for the kids, so be sure to have lots of energy and excitement about it so that they do too!

small group

REVIEW AND DIG DEEPER

***Pass around a bean bag to the person who's speaking. Each group member should be prepared to hold the bean bag and answer questions.**

1. Can someone tell me what our verse was today, or sum it up in a few sentences?
2. What do you think it means to work at something with your whole heart?
3. What do you think it means to work for God instead of for humans?
4. Make it personal:
 - a. Can someone tell me about a job or chore you do during the week that you really hate doing?
 - b. What about something that you love doing?
 - c. What is something you could change about doing that job that would help you do it for God?
5. Even the smallest jobs can be done for God; what's something small you could do during your day to serve God? To serve people?
6. Help a kid find Colossians 3:23 **in the Bible** and have him/her read it out loud.

CHANGE HOW YOU WORK

- **Write** the Colossians 3:23 verse on butcher paper in the middle of your group.
- **Give** each kid **a marker and a piece of paper**. Tell them to write down the Colossians 3:23 on one side. If they can't remember it all, they can look at the butcher paper.
- On the other side of their paper, tell kids to **write/draw something they have to work at each week** (homework, cleaning their room, chores, practice, etc) Then tell them to **write/draw something they could do to work extra hard at it**.

***Pray together, asking God to help us work hard for HIM this week.**

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Extra time? Let them decorate the butcher paper with the verse. They could even find a place in the room to hang it up so they can show their parents/guardians on the way out.

LARGE group



special notes

*Make sure you **set out the secret envelopes on the presentation area** for kids to find during connect time.

**Then, find out how many kids you have in your room for the relay part of the lesson. You'll need to split them into at least two lines but no more than 20 per line. (So, say you have 16 kids, make two lines of eight. Got 80? Make four lines of 20.)

presenter tips

The first clip will be from *Monsters University*. The playtime is 1:01:49-1:04:45.

During the game part of the lesson, be really energetic and cheer the kids, and encourage the kids to cheer their team mates on as well.

script

Hey everybody, welcome to Kids' Club! I am so excited to see you here! We're going to be talking about monsters and the Bible today. Now, I know that may sound a little strange, but we're actually going to be learning about God's word by watching a bit of *Monsters University*.

Now before we get started, let's talk about what you all just did in your small group. Can someone tell me about what your leaders had you do today? (Let a kid respond.) Yep, you all worked really hard! I saw people doing jumping jacks, running, spinning, skipping, and all kinds of crazy things! Raise your hand if you felt like you got a bit of a work out? Awesome!

So now I would love for someone to tell me WHY you did all that hard work? (Let a kid answer.) That's right, it was all so that you could learn where the special, secret envelope was hidden! If I could have all the kids holding envelopes come up to the stage? Great.

MESSAGE IN THE ENVELOPES: WORK HARD

Okay, now that you're up here, you all can go ahead and open your envelopes! (wait for kids to open and pull out the verse cards.) Can one of you read it out loud for me? (Let a kid read the verse as the first slide is put up on the screen.)

SLIDE: Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, and not human masters."

Awesome, thank you! Our secret message is a verse from the Bible! Colossians is a book in the New Testament, and it was written by a missionary named Paul. He was speaking to people about how they should live their lives for God.

Now why do you think we should be memorizing Bible verses? What do you think the point is? (Let a kid respond). Yes, thank you! Bible verses are God's words. It's one of the ways he talks to us! We have an entire book filled with his words, and memorizing them helps us when we're



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unsure how to act or what to say. It helps us know him better!

Let's ALL say this verse together now. **“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, and not human masters.” Colossians 3:23.** Great, thanks guys!

Now what in the world do monsters have to do with this verse?! Well, first we are going to watch a clip about a character named Mike Wazowski, a monster who wants to become a professional scarer. To do that, he goes to Monsters University and has to prove that he's a really scary monster! Unfortunately, he's not as scary as some of the other monsters at school. In fact, he gets made fun of! We're going to see what happens next in this clip. I want you to pay attention to what Mike does, and especially HOW he does it.

Clip 1: MU Work Hard (1:01:49-1:04:45)

Wow! That was awesome! Would someone like to tell me about what happened in that video? (Let a kid respond.) So Mike Wazowski got his friends together, and they got up early in the morning, they did crazy exercises, and they practiced really hard! All so that they could become great scarers! They realized that even though other monsters weren't doing it, they needed to work really hard to get the reward of being a good scarer.

WHATEVER YOU DO

Okay, let's go back to our verse: **(click to next slide) Colossians 3:23.** Let's all yell this out TOGETHER, as loud as we can. On the count of three, 1, 2, 3: **“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, and not human masters.” Colossians 3:23.** Alright, well done everybody!

Let's play a little game. I'm going to show a picture on the screen, and if you think God would want you to work hard at it, stand up and do a jumping jack! If you think he doesn't want you to work hard at it, than stay seated. Ready? Let's go!

- **Image: Cleaning your room**
- **Image: Doing your homework**
- **Image: Running a race**
- **Image: Playing a basketball game**
- **Image: Acting in a school play**

Great job guys! Let's look at the first part of that verse. It says, “Whatever you do.” Does that mean God wants us to work hard at only the fun things? (Let kids respond.) How about only the easy things? (Let kids respond.) Does God want us to work hard at EVERYTHING? Yes! Exactly! No matter what we're doing, whether it's cleaning our room, or doing homework, or maybe a job that we really love, God wants us to work hard at it.

WORK AT IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART

The second part of this verse is just as important as the first; it says “work at it with all your heart.” Does someone want to tell me what you think that means? (let a kid respond). Thanks! You said it really well. God doesn't just want us to work hard, he wants us to put our WHOLE



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HEART into it!

You know, you can work hard without putting your whole heart into it. You can do a job and still be bitter, or mad, or annoyed. Do you all think that's what it looks like to work with your whole heart though? (Let kids say: No!) God wants us to work hard at things with a good attitude. He wants us to do the job with joy, kindness and love! When Mike Wozowski and his friends worked hard, did they have a bad attitude? (Let kids say: No!) They had joy, because even though it was difficult in the moment, they knew it would pay off later.

VERSE RELAY

(Click to show verse again.) We're going to play a game to memorize this awesome verse! Has anyone ever played a relay race? We'll all be working together to write down Colossians 3:23 on our white board. Let's go ahead and all repeat it together one more time, as loud as you can! (lead kids in saying the verse on the screen)

Okay, everybody stand up and get into ____ (#, at least 2) lines! *(Help kids organize themselves into 2-4 equal lines/should be no more than 20 kids per line. Give each team one **whiteboard**. You can have one kid from each team hold the whiteboard, or ask 2-4 leaders to help you.)*

The first kid in each line will run up to the white board and write the first word of our verse (draw a line down the middle of the board and tell kids which side they can write on). Then rush back to the next kid in line, give them a high five, then that kid will go write the next word in the verse! The verse will be on the screen, so just look up there if you can't remember the next word or don't know how to write it. The first person to finish the verse, wins!

If you want, **click play some Monsters University music embedded in the slide!*

Ready everybody? All right, let's go! (Let kids write the verse on the board one word at a time, until all the kids have had one turn. Be sure to encourage kids to cheer on their team during the relay!)

All right everybody, great job with that relay! You all did a fantastic job of working together to complete that verse.

WORKING FOR THE LORD

There's another part of this verse that we haven't talked about yet, does anyone want to tell me what that is? (If a kid knows, let them answer.) Yes! God wants us to work as if we are working for Him, and not just human masters. What kind of person might a "human master" be to any of you? (Let kids answer things like parents, bosses, coaches, teachers, etc.) Great, thank you guys! Our human masters could be any of those people, and God definitely wants us to listen and obey them, but he also wants us to work hard as if He is our master!

God wants the very best for us; he has given us talents and abilities so that we can serve and love people here on earth. In fact, working hard is a way to show love to others and to God!



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WORSHIP (*choose only one song if you're running low on time*)

You know what other way there is to show love to God? Worshipping! Let's go ahead and stand up and work as hard as we possibly can to sing and dance for our awesome God!

Music Video: Crazy Love

Music Video: You Comes in a Hurry

PRAY

Thank God for giving us the abilities to work hard for Him. Ask God to help us when working seems too difficult or when we are worried; ask him to help us remember that He is always here to listen to us.

PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per group

1 large envelope (to fit 8.5 x 11 papers with the verse

inside; NOT to be re-used)

Verse papers for inside envelope: Colossians 3:23
(template provided)

small group supplies

Per kid

White paper

Per group

Large piece of butcher paper

Markers

Adventure Bible (pp. 1311-1312)

Beanbag

large group supplies

Adventure Bible (pp. 1311-1312)

2-4 dry erase boards (enough for rooms to have at least 2 total but if typically have more than 40 kids,

enough for 1 per 20 kids; rooms with large boards in them can draw a line down the center and use that)

A few dry erase markers

a/v needs

1. Intro song (embed into slide with KC logo):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CyT6cfAzlq8>
2. SLIDE: Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, and not human masters."
3. Video: MU Work Hard: 1:04:49-1:04:45
4. SLIDE: Colossians 3:23 again
5. Image: Cleaning your room
6. Image: Doing your homework
7. Image: Running a race
8. Image: Playing basketball
9. Image: Acting in a school play
10. SLIDE: Colossians 3:23 again (third time)
11. Please EMBED this Music "video":
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9tnMEAV3S8> in slide #10, so that the verse still shows but the music begins to play
12. Music Video: Crazy Love
13. Music Video: You Come in A Hurry (with hand motions)

connect questions

What is Colossians 3:23?

How could you serve God by working harder?

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